

## WOBBLY ARTHUR

"He wobbled in,  
And he wobbled out  
Leaving the people  
Still in doubt,  
Whether the snake,  
That made the track,  
Was going north,  
Or coming back."  
—Nursery Rhyme.

Arthur Capper is entitled to the belt, as the champion wobbler in Kansas politics. When the Progressives met at Independence after the 1912 election to organize the Progressive party in the state Arthur was there and made a speech. It is charged that Arthur then cut loose from his Republican moorings, sang "Onward, Christian Soldier" as loud as anybody and assured the assembled Progressives that they could no more turn back now than could Patrick Henry in the days just before the Revolutionary war.

When the charge was made Arthur might have refused to answer on advice of counsel or he might have plead emotional insanity and got away with it. He chose, however, to deny the allegation and challenge the alligator to the proof. There was where he made his mistake. A cloud of witnesses appeared at once to give testimony but insisted in having it written into the record that Arthur's reputation for truth and veracity was bad. They proved the case by a preponderance of the evidence.

As a result of this little performance Arthur has lost the respect of the progressive element in the state.

On the other hand, Arthur hasn't the confidence of the stand-patter. They don't trust him. They know that a conference was held after the primary in which the question of getting Henry Allen out of the race for governor of Capper would support Murdock was discussed. That nothing came of the conference doesn't satisfy. They want to know why Capper even consented to discuss the proposition.

The standpatter also is asking why the Capper publications are not whooping it up for Curtis for writing up the Republican meetings over the state occasionally carries the statement that Mr. Curtis also spoke but up to date there hasn't been a single line in the Capper publications urging the

people of Kansas to re-elect Mr. Curtis senator. The friends of Curtis are asking why.

What is true of Curtis is also true of Canderhead, Anthony, Campbell and the rest of the stand pat congressional nominees, and their friends are asking whether Capper is afraid to support the ticket for fear he might lose a few votes for Capper for governor.

Then there is Joe Dolly. The bankers of the state remember the time when Dolly was bank commissioner and they are all contrasting the present honest, business-like administration of the banking department of the old days when Dolly was in charge. They are asking Mr. Capper if Dolly will be bank commissioner again if he is elected governor but can get no satisfactory answer from him. They remember that the Independent Harvester company ran its guaranteed advertisements in the Capper publications long after the correspondence in the bank commissioner's office showed that Dolly knew the character of the organization and they are asking if Dolly has a strange hold on Capper that prevents him from answering the question.

There is no division of sentiment in regard to the decalogue and the golden rule and so Arthur can come out strong for them but on anything concerning which men differ Arthur wobbles.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cook came up from Kiowa, Kansas, the first of the week for a visit with relatives and their many old Barton county friends. Mr. Cook reports that crops were very spotted in his part of the country, some of the wheat yielding as high as 35 bushels per acre and some fields as low as 9 bushels. The corn crop was practically a total failure, while part of the feed crops are good and part will hardly pay to put up. They have had some good rains lately, however, and the wheat has gone into the ground in fine shape and gives promise of an abundance of fall and winter pasture, which will help out on the feed question to a great extent.

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## GERMAN SUCCESSES ARE ANNOUNCED.

Two Belgian Forts Taken and Another Invested, French Driven from Roye, Berlin Statement Says.

RUSSIANS REPULSED BY AUSTRIANS

Tucos Carry Noses and Fingers of Mutilated Victims on Strings, Returned German Prisoner Says.

London, Oct. 4.—The following German official statement was received here tonight by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company:

"The situation throughout the entire theatre of war becomes daily more favorable to German arms.

The Austro-Hungarian commander-in-chief, Arch Duke Frederick, and the heir presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Charles Francis, have inspected the greater part of the Austrian northern army and expressed themselves well satisfied with the splendid warlike spirit among the troops.

"The Russian troops which crossed the Carpathians and entered the district of Marmaros, have been repulsed and driven back in disorder, in the direction of the Galician frontier."

### 2 Belgian Forts Taken.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—(Via wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The following official announcement was made today.

"In the siege of Antwerp, Forts Wavre-St. Catherine and Dorp-weld have been taken and Fort Waelhem invested. Termonde, an important strategical point, has been occupied.

"On the western wing a new French attempt to encircle our forces has been repulsed. The French have been ejected from their positions south of Roye.

Other press matter officially given out today, says:

### English Play Old Game.

"The Danish paper National Tietend publishes a statement by Gottlieb von Jagow, the German foreign minister, in which he says that Great Britain had promised France assistance before German troops entered Belgium. England in fact, had prepared for war by stirring up feeling in the countries against Germany, after the old

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# DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS

The Democratic County Candidates will hold the following public meetings during the week beginning October 12th. The candidates will discuss the issues of the campaign, and the Woodrow Wilson Quartette will furnish good music. Come out and hear them.

MONDAY, Oct. 12th at School District No. 45  
Eureka Township

TUESDAY, Oct. 13th at Red Wing Hall  
Cheyenne Township

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14th at School District No. 72  
Homestead Township

FRIDAY, Oct. 16th at Albert Hall  
Walnut Township

## Senator Jouett Shouse

Democratic Candidate for Congress

will be in Barton county on October 17th and 19th and will speak at the following places:

At Pawnee Rock, Heizer and Albert Saturday forenoon; at Olmitz in the afternoon and at Hoisington at night.

On Monday, the 19th, at Red Wing and Odin in the forenoon; at Claflin and Ellinwood in the afternoon, and at Great Bend at night.

Senator Shouse is a forceful and eloquent speaker and every voter who can should hear him.

English way of playing European continental states against each other.

"A pamphlet issued by the Bremen chamber of commerce on the economical consequences of the present war, indicates that Great Britain's naval policy is detrimental to neutral states exporting raw material and especially detrimental to the United States.

### An Impudent French Lie.

"The Daily Chronicle's Bordeaux report that General Von Stenger, commander of the German Fifty-third infantry brigade, had given an order that no quarter be granted and for his soldiers to kill all the French encountered armed or unarmed, is an impudent lie like the French report that an Austrian motor battery was captured on the Meuse.

"The German press praises the action of the Bundesrath on prohibiting the payment of liabilities which England has been pressing, in furtherance of the policy to embarrass German trade which it has pursued since the war was begun by England.

"England is also suffering from this policy of trade vexation, the Daily Telegraph of London declaring that the British prohibition of sugar importations is proving harmful to several British industries.

Cut off Noses and Fingers. "The well known British paper Graphic, glorifies a Belgian woman who severely wounded soldiers with boiling water. The Sphere publishes illustrations showing women firing at Uhlans, thus honoring the outrages of Franc-tireurs.

"Count Mitchell Karolyi (president of the Hungarian independent party), returning from a French prison, reports having seen Turcos carrying strings upon which were suspended ears and noses and fingers. "Jacques Deleasse (son of the French foreign minister), a wounded prisoner of war in Germany, praises the splendid treatment received by the French wounded in Germany."

Will Schwiwer was down from northwest of town Monday on a little business trip and for a visit with his many friends.

## BAKER-PORTER.

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Baker last evening at 6:30 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Regina B., was united in marriage to Mr. John Brooks Porter. Rev. Z. Moore, pastor of the Christian church, performed the ceremony. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baker and son, Harris, J. M. Baker and family, of White City, and Rev. and Mrs. Z. Moore. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony.

The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Hoisington, who, by her quiet, unassuming ways, has made unnumbered friends in this community. She is a skilled pianist and for several years has taught music, both here and at Claflin, her services as teacher being constantly in demand. She was attired in a beautiful dress of white and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Mr. Porter is one of the trustworthy employees of the Missouri

Pacific at this point. For some time he has held the position as night foreman at the shops. Since coming to Hoisington he has made many friends and is a very popular young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter left last evening for a two weeks' honeymoon trip to Denver and upon their return will make their home at 264 West Third street.

The Dispatch joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Porter in extending congratulations and wishing them unbounded joy and prosperity in their journey thru wedded life.—Hoisington Dispatch.

If you want the real news of the county, read the Democrat.

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